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SUBJECT: YARG FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT ETHIOPIA

1. FONMIN ABDULLAH AL-ASNAG INFORMED ME ON APRIL 19 THAT HE PLANS TO GO TO ADDIS ABABA ON APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT THE PLIGHT OF YEMENI CITIZENS IN ERITREA. ACCORDING TO AL-ASNAG FOUR YEMENI CITIZENS HAVE BEEN KILLED OVER THE LAST MONTH IN ERITREA AND MORE THAN 100 HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO FLEE TO THE SUDAN LEAVING BEHIND BUSINESSES AND PROPERTIES. AL-ASNAG SAID THAT THE YARG BELIEVES THIS IS THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE REMAINING 20,000 YEMENI CITIZENS LIVING IN ETHIOPIA ARE AFFECTED BY THE INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

2. AL-ASNAG ALSO TOLD ME THAT YARG IS TAKING A MODERATE POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE TROUBLES IN ETHIOPIA DESPITE THE MORE ACTIVIST POSITION BEING TAKEN BY SOME OF THE OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. ABDULLAH STATED THAT YEMEN BELIEVES THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE ERITREAN PROBLEM IS THAT BOTH SIDES NEGOTIATE WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM PEACEFULLY WITHIN AN
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ETHIOPIAN CONTEXT.

3. COMMENT: BOTH PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI AND FONMIN ASNAG
HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE GROWTH OF RADICALISM
IN ETHIOPIA AND OF EXTREMIST INFLUENCES WITHIN THE
ERITREAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT. BOTH MEN BELIEVE THAT
THE CONSERVATIVE ARAB STATES LIKE SAUDI ARABIA AND
LIBYA ARE MAKING A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO SUPPORT THE
ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF A COMMON RELIGION
AT A TIME WHEN IT APPEARS THAT THE LEFTISTS MAY BE IN
CONTROL OF THAT MOVEMENT.
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